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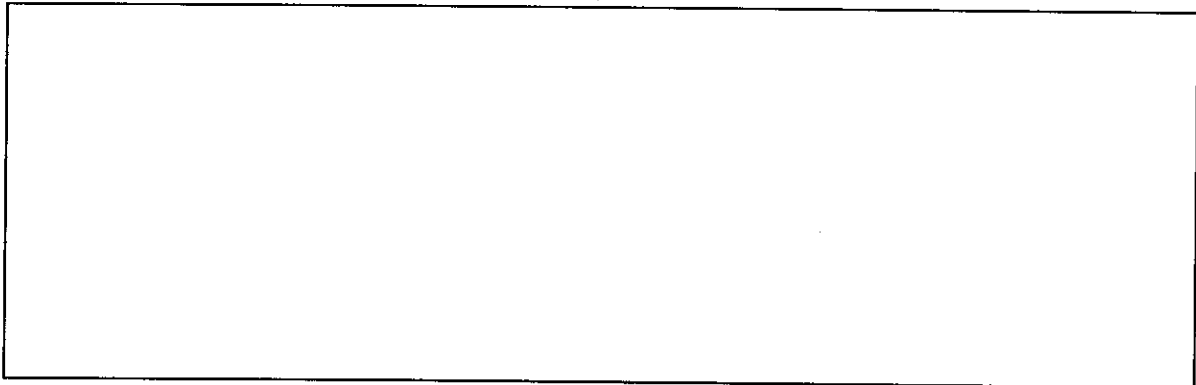
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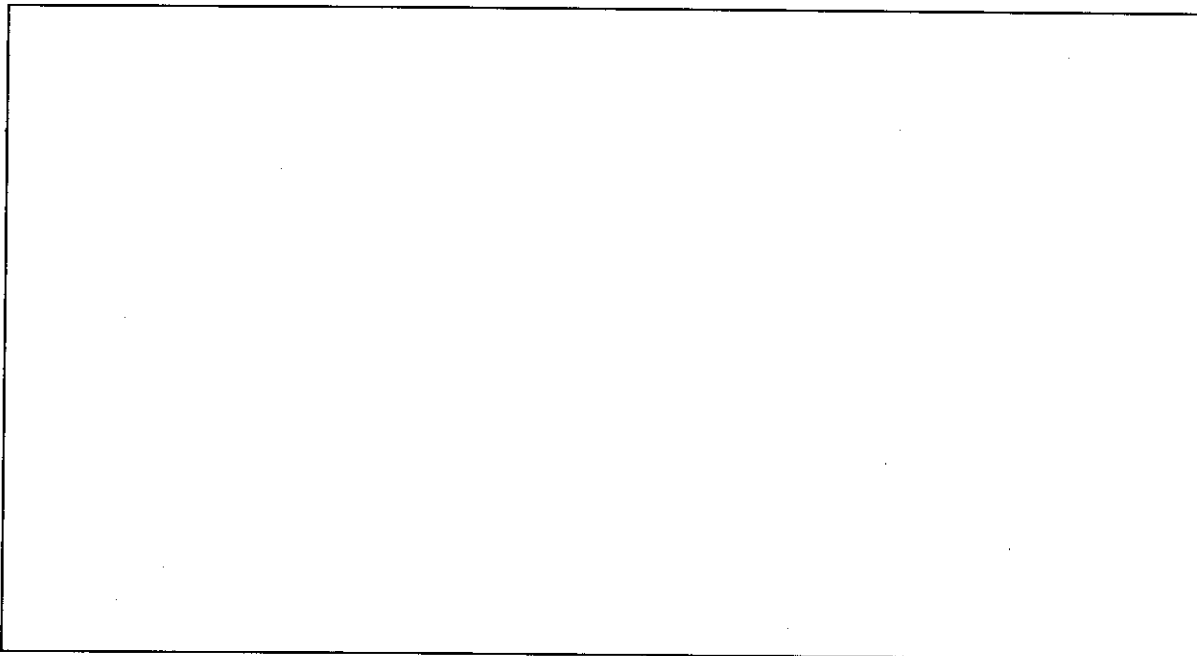
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**FOURTH VENEZUELAN MILITARY OFFICER DEMANDS CHAVEZ RESIGN**

(U) Air Force General Ruiz urged other colleagues to speak out, citing military unhappiness with alleged government corruption and Chavez's management of the armed forces, report the media. In addition, 3,000 workers at the state-owned oil monopoly Petroleos De Venezuela SA protested Chavez's decision to sack the company president. Huge demonstrations are expected on February 27 which is the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Caracazo riot where the military killed civilians, reports the desk. (*Watch/Venezuela desk telcon, AP*)



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